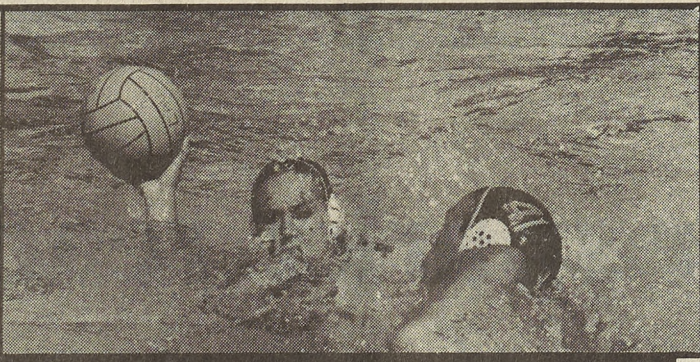


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I can do it."

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## Bay area devastated by 6.9 quake; Where do we go from here?



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**San Francisco ablaze** — Firefighters extinguish flames in the Marina District of San Francisco after an earthquake of 6.9

magnitude forced area residents to flee. The Marina area was the hardest hit of all residential sections.

### Rescue work continues; L.A. residents respond

By KATHY CROUCH  
Editor in Chief

By now, officials have answered the main questions. What magnitude? How many deaths? Where was it centered? But one big question remains: What now?

For residents of the San Francisco Bay area, "now" consists of checking on friends and relatives, assessing property damage, and finding a safe place to sleep. Still others are involved in search and rescue operations, many as volunteers.

Today, hundreds of people are still sifting through the debris and rubble of the Bay area, searching for possible survivors. Among the hardest hit structures is Interstate 880 in Oakland. A two-tiered section of the interstate, also known as the Nimitz Highway, collapsed along a 14-block stretch near the San Francisco Bay Bridge.

Motorists on the lower section of the freeway were literally sandwiched between the massive concrete slabs of roadway above and below them. Initial reports placed the

number of deaths in this area to 58, with at least 400 others injured.

Rescuers thought they had discovered a survivor last night in the structure, but it turned out to be untrue. Conflicting reports from personnel using heat-sensing devices, and others physically searching for victims in the narrow crawlspace between upper and lower sections, led to the error.

The daughter of a Valley instructor had been travelling on the highway just an hour before it collapsed. Patty Castaneda, daughter of Doris Castaneda, Associate Professor of Physical Education, was on her way to Stanford University from the University of California at Berkeley campus. Patty plays volleyball for Berkeley and was with her teammates, bound for a game at Stanford.

"We couldn't call," Doris Castaneda said. She was very worried about her daughter, and eventually got word that she (Patty) was safe. "The coach took all the players home individually. The kids were really scared."

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### Is Valley prepared for a major earthquake?

By KATHY CROUCH  
Editor in Chief

Los Angeles residents are no strangers to earthquakes, and in the wake of the second largest earthquake in United States history, many Valley College students may be wondering just how well prepared we are to face a disaster on the scale of Tuesday's 6.9 quake in the San Francisco Bay area.

According to geography professor Richard Raskoff, the campus would probably fare well. "Basically, we're safe," he says. "We don't have much to fall on us."

Raskoff explained that with the layout of the campus, which consists almost entirely of one-story buildings, damage would not be nearly as severe as has been seen in

San Francisco. The only exceptions at Valley are the Campus Center, which is two stories high and the men's and women's gymnasiums.

"We have very safe buildings here," he continued. "To substantially damage these buildings would require a quake of at least 8.0 magnitude or greater."

When evaluating the severity of an earthquake, each one point increment represents a ten-fold difference in magnitude. A 7.0 quake is ten times worse than a 6.0. Tuesday's bolt registered at 6.9.

"This isn't the 'big one,'" said Angus MacDonald, department chairperson of Earth Sciences. "We still have that one to look forward to. You just have to face it when it hits you."

Faculty members have a basic

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## Board votes to increase parking fees

By CATHERINE GUNN  
News Editor

Parking fees will be increased from \$15 to \$20 per semester for Valley College students in a proposal effective Spring 1990.

The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees voted to raise parking fees by \$5 districtwide at its Oct. 11 meeting.

The motion passed 4-3, with Althea Baker, Lindsay Conner and

David Lopez-Lee against the proposal. The motion stated the money collected will be put toward operating costs of the parking lots.

The four trustees who supported the motion recommended by the LACCD Business Services Office "felt the users should participate" in paying for the upkeep of the parking lots, said Irene Pinkard, executive assistant to the chancellor.

Lindsay Conner, board president, said he opposed the fee because he "didn't think we had been presented

with clear enough evidence that the fees were used solely for the physical upkeep of parking lots."

Conner said he would oppose any fee which might be used for educational programs. "I was worried that what's really going on is the money might go to something [which should be] funded from the general fund," he said.

Pinkard said the trustees opposed to the motion were reluctant to cause students a "financial hardship."

Another motion, which proposed a charge of \$30 for parking at Trade-Technical College, failed.

Trade-Tech currently leases parking from the California State Department of Transportation. The proposed increase would have helped defray expenses when Cal Trans raises the rent, said Pinkard.

Parking during summer school will be increased from \$5 to \$7 districtwide.

At the Student Affairs Committee

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## Nightwatch program offers safe walk between students' cars and classes

By CATHERINE THADEN  
Staff Writer

Jan Cisneros, a Valley College student since 1985, works full-time in a pre-school and must schedule all courses in the evening. Walking alone on a dark campus, Cisneros protects her personal safety with the pocket knife she always carries.

"I'd stab them," she says of possible attackers, "outrun them, or hit them with my backpack." Cisneros, who is majoring in child development, is not the only one concerned with maintaining her safety.

Cisneros now has the option of using Night Watch, a newly re-

instituted program which provides escorts to walk students to and from their cars during the evening.

Night Watch, first organized in 1982, consists of students who hope to become police officers. The escort service is sponsored by 76 members of the Administration of Justice Club, eight to 15 of which patrol the campus nightly until 10:30 p.m.

Mike Davis, president of the club, said there is a demand for the escorting they provide. "We've had 15 people in a two-week period that have used us," he said.

One student who might have benefited from a Night Watch escort is Bonnie Goodfriend. Temporarily disabled with a broken

ankle, she is forced to walk with crutches.

Goodfriend enrolled in an evening oceanography class, but found the campus too dark and frightening to walk alone on crutches. "It was dark between the bungalows," she said. The graffiti on campus alarmed her. "You know there are gangs in the area, just look at the buildings around you," she said.

Goodfriend takes a better-safethan-sorry approach: "I won't even wear my wedding ring — it's got diamonds. I don't want to attract any attention to myself. I'd rather be overly cautious than have a problem."

Not knowing of Night Watch, Goodfriend took extra precautions

and dropped the night class altogether.

Night Watch patrolers are identified by their yellow windbreakers with the green administration of justice insignia stamped on the back.

The Administration of Justice Club equips the volunteers with flashlights in case of any problems with campus lighting.

Students may call Valley College extension 224 from home or may call from campus to arrange a pickup from the classroom door to their cars.

Davis said the escorts will meet a student after every class meeting if arrangements are made in advance.

## BSU charges Valley Star with unfair reporting

By CATHERINE GUNN  
News Editor

A list of demands directed to the Valley Star from Black Student Union leaders was presented to the Associated Student Union at their meeting at noon Tuesday.

The ASU Executive Council voted unanimously to endorse the BSU's position in a controversy over the Star's coverage of the ASU-sponsored Homecoming election and game.

Of concern to BSU members was

a story containing a reference to "allegations the BSU controlled the elections" and the absence of a photo of Homecoming Queen Aarika Frazier and King Mike Lewis, both of whom are BSU members.

BSU leaders complained the story ASU declares first ballot void did not contain BSU's side of the story and no effort was made to contact the BSU.

Questions were raised by the BSU as to how William Koegler, who was not able to assume his duties as

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## LETTERS TO THE STAR

## Controversial letter sparks reader outpouring

**"No bull" for this man**

**Editor,**  
I don't care if you say "Ole" or "Olay" when it comes to bullfighting, just say "no way"! Bullfighting isn't a sport or even an art, instead it is a fancy and painful way to slaughter an animal.

The matador is rarely hurt and the bull never really has a chance. The matador is just a showman who knows a slow and elaborate way to butcher the bull.

It's horrible enough that domesticated animals are destroyed for human consumption, but torturing them before death is deplorable.

Some may argue that bullfighting is an ancient and glorious tradition, but just like war and violence, some traditions our planet is better off without. Please use better judgement next time you devote an entire page to such "arts."

David Sitko  
Valley Student

**Letter angers readers**

**Editor,**  
In response to "Intolerance spoils homecoming" (Oct. 12, Valley Star) I submit the following observations. As a student at Valley College I have the right to resent the editor for printing such a column.

Such a column should have not been allowed. There was no need for him to mention that she was a Afro-American woman or should I

tion. All in all, I feel that you as an editor, should know better and deeply owe that Afro-American students at Valley an apology.

Jazz V. Smith

**Editor,**

After reading the letter submitted by Carl Mote, Jr. in last week's Valley Star, I was thoroughly offended. I am not writing to focus on the letter, because it is obvious that Mr. Mote has not involved himself with many, many black people. Even the classiest of his "black friends" would agree that our women don't come "assorted."

I will, however, direct my argument toward the person or people involved with publishing "Letters to the Star." As a newspaper staff, you are responsible for every word written in the newspaper. I feel that you did not use your best judgement when publishing Mr. Mote's letter. It was libelous and made racial and ethnic denigrations, not only to blacks, but to other minorities as well.

I am aware that the Valley Star staff is made up of students, and is meant to be a learning experience. I hope that you will seriously consider this experience to be a valuable lesson. In the future, you should carefully review and edit all material submitted for publication. You must examine the consequences when determining the steps to be taken.

Deanna Palmer  
Psychology Major

**Editor,**

**"Put 'white' in every column emphasizing 'black' and then you will feel the racial discrimination."**

say "black" and himself "white". Several racial discriminations were brought about. First stating, "A vulgar, disorderly black woman and obviously not familiar with the rules of conduct, sitting with a black woman friend. (What was the point of mentioning that the friend was black?)

Second, stating "it was hardly a climate of inter-racial 'brotherhood,' and far from the classicst conversation we've had with black people of quality (black people of quality, states a racial discrimination).

Third, stating "I didn't arrest her immediately because I am aware of what all was behind most of her resentment of white people. (Evidently he wasn't well aware of anything because he wasn't in her position.)

Last, but not least, he stated "The way for this black woman and her friend to get along in the world is to be careful whom they insult and engrave in their foreheads that manners will take you where money won't."

The part stating "engrave in their foreheads that manners will take you where money won't," is an insult in discrimination towards us Afro-Americans. Put "white" in every column which emphasizes "black" and then you will feel the racial discrimination. Therefore, this column did not deserve the right to be printed and no newspaper from my know edge would allow or accept such a column due to the racial discrimina-

Jennifer Kaye  
Art major

**Editor,**

As reigning homecoming queen I feel a duty to my fellow BSU (Black Student Union) members as well as a responsibility to myself to respond to an article in the Oct. 12 issue of the school's Valley Star newspaper concerning the recent

**"We can only overcome the obstacles by realizing our lethal weapon is our mind."**

homecoming rally. Mike Lewis and I were crowned king and queen respectively, but there were allegations in the Valley news that

Mike and I were unfairly supported by BSU, of which Mike and I are both members. It was stated that the elections were "hastily arranged" and also that the "polls were not closely monitored," which implies that the elections were not valid.

Even though votes were taken on two separate occasions, the first election being held on Thursday in which 15 people turned out, and the second election on Friday in which 170 voters turned out.

Credit and due respect should be given to both Mike and I as candidates despite the fact that an ASU (Associated Student Union) sponsored event was not monitored or arranged properly. I feel Mike and I as the winners of homecoming should not be subjected to unfair allegations about the validity of homecoming from the sponsor, because they were negligent of their duties.

Maybe if the crowned king and queen were white instead of black, there would not be an issue about arrangement, monitoring voter turnout and support from one particular group.

To let such pettiness and cruelty creep into such a memorable event such as homecoming only teaches myself, being a black minority, that my people still have far to go. And as a minority we must come to one conclusion and that's that we can not beat this evergrowing problem of racism when it's allowed to displayed in school, with ignorance and unlawfulness. We can only overcome the obstacles by realizing "our lethal weapon is our mind."

Aarika Frazier  
Homecoming Queen

**Editor,**

In response to the letter submitted by Carl Mote, Jr. Oct. 12, Valley Star.

Speaking for myself, I was very displeased and offended by this man's letter. He verbally attacked this woman using the words "vulgar and disorderly black woman." The whole issue was supposed to be about cigar, and cigarette smoke, so the fact that this woman was black should not have even been brought into it.

Mr. Mote went on to tell the readers of the Valley Star that this woman's son was wearing an Oklahoma T-shirt under his jacket. Also that some of his best friends were black, including a black Valley coach, many, many black athletes, black managers of a restaurant he often frequented, and many, many black women and men of all levels.

I ask you, what does race have to do with cigar and cigarette smoke? What does what this woman's son was wearing have anything to do with cigar and cigarette smoke? What does this man's best friends being black have anything to do with cigar and cigarette smoke?

I quote Mr. Mote on this particular comment: "This sort of social misbehavior is increasingly common among trash of all races." Does anyone believe that what that article says have anything to do with nicotine besides the words cigar, cigarette, and smoke? I believe that this man's letter should not have been printed without being edited. Because if this woman had to be vulgar, and disorderly, how come it couldn't have stayed as is? You

would not have known the person I was describing as being black unless I just had to let you know that this person was black. I couldn't finish writing my letter unless I told you 85 million times that this person was black. Point? It should not have been brought up. It might help if things are more closely watched and edited before printed. Also, two sides of the story is better than one.

Monica Lynn Dyson  
Vice-President First Meeting  
Black Student Union

**Editor,**

Homecoming games are for everyone to enjoy. Private citizens; local people in the community who root for their favorite high school or college.

At Valley College's last homecoming game, there was a fan and his guest sitting among other guests. The older gentleman was smoking a large cigar and the female guest was smoking a cigarette both blowing smoke in circumference of all the other fans in the stands.

The Surgeon General of the United States considers public smoking hazardous to others' health and Congress has passed current laws on smoking in public

**From the Editor:**

**The Valley Star does not condone prejudice on any scale, be it in the area of race, religion, nationality, gender, or sexual preference.**

**In the interest of free speech, however, we invite all readers to express their views. The Valley Star deeply regrets any offense caused by the publication of this letter, and invites all readers to voice their opinions concerning this, and all other, topics, in future issues of the Valley Star.**

places.

The mother of one of the Valley College football players was attending the game just as she has done for the past ten years, cheering her son to play to win and to be the best.

She chose to speak out to the inconsiderate fans about their personal smoking habits, "please stop blowing your smoke from your cigar and cigarette into my seated area." Everyone that reads this can relate to someone blowing smoke from a cigarette in your face; it's not a great feeling.

The woman who spoke out is a public health care nurse, well aware of what smoking can do to the human body. She made a general request, "please stop, it's bothering me and the other people sitting in the area."

From that point, the older man, about 75 years old and his guest began a verbal assault and defamation of black Americans against a mother of five.

The mother, as well as others in the stands, didn't take to his outlandish public behavior, you wouldn't think to hear in southern California, the state of the world, of people of all colors. We all have been assaulted by this man.

The Valley [Star] newspaper staff printed a racist letter that everyone in the Valley has read. If you haven't please take time out to do so.

You will get the greatest lesson of your life about how one person's view can cause mental distress and slander of one's civil rights that the U.S. Constitution gives to all of us as American citizens.

The Valley Star's publication of

this letter makes you wonder what were the journalists and editors thinking about. Here's a school, where the athletic program is coordinated by a minority group of people.

The school's staffing and general administration is also coordinated by a minority group of people, of all races.

My God, this country seems to be playing Russian roulette with its own morals of what it stands for. The freedom that we have, we who are lucky enough to be Americans should stand up as one for human rights for all. No matter of race, creed or color.

Do not let our publication of the press be used out of content, to hurt others and their families. Enough is enough. The people of America will not take anymore. Stop the letter of hurt and pain. Use the press for the show of American unity.

Our current days' youth are suffering enough. With the drugs of the world, killing our children and suppressing our adults to be content to a dreamless future. We need not let history repeat itself, to learn again, that we all need each other.

If America is going to march into the 21st century of life, not the path of darkness where non-educated minded people reign their

our "student newspaper." I'd like to point out the clause at the bottom of the letters to the Star stating "Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial denigrations." I saw no indication of these standards being used on this letter of Oct. 12.

Valley Star, I really think you should check yourself and clean up your act. As far as the man who wrote this letter, there are lots of people with his mentality and there is nothing I can do about that. But there is something I can do about your paper here on campus.

Sincerely,  
Felicia Morris

**Editor,**

I was glad to see you print the letter from Carl Mote, Jr. regarding the smoking incident at a Valley football game. I believe this kind of behavior needs to be examined carefully. Perhaps we can learn something from this.

I was at that game. What I witnessed seems to differ considerably from Mr. Mote's account. A man (Mote) smoking a potent cigar and sitting next to his girlfriends, who was also smoking, was confronted by a non-smoker. The air was heavy with cigar smoke. It was difficult to breathe. It was evident we were all going home smelling like smoke.

Several people made remarks about Mr. Mote's cigar smoke. I was shocked to watch his continual attempts to switch the focus of the confrontation from a smoker vs. non-smoker to a racial debate.

The questions raised were: Does a smoker have the right to smoke if he wishes? Is a smoker responsible for the effect of his smoke on those around him? Does a non-smoker have the right to breathe clean air, to wear clean clothes? Does a non-smoker have the right to take steps to defend those rights?

Mr. Mote's references to racism brings up perhaps an even greater question. "Should racism be used as a defense for smoking?" I think not.

Sandra K. Mendenhall  
Office Administration Student

**Editor,**

In regards to the letter published on Oct. 12, 1989, "Intolerance Spoils Homecoming," I'd just like to say that I, as well as many of my peers found the letter very discriminating and offensive. I read newspapers daily and never have I picked up a paper and read the description of a person purely by his or her race.

A newspaper should not be used as a tool to offend people. It should be informative and for the benefit of its readers, especially a school newspaper. More articles concerning students and issues that affect students should be printed instead of vulgar and racial remarks.

If this type of media is accepted as journalism then the constitution and the civil rights movement was all a joke. I'm all for freedom of speech, but the line has to be drawn somewhere.

Tiffany Wright

**Next week:**

The Valley Star will resume its standard opinion page format and continue with a follow-up editorial concerning illiteracy in the United States.

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**★ LETTERS ★ LETTERS ★ LETTERS ★ LETTERS ★ LETTERS ★**

The Valley Star is happy to receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers.



The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are

obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the Valley Star office, Bungalow 25, by Monday for the following Thursday.



## BSU . . .

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commissioner of election because he was a nominee, knew the vote tally of the voided ballots.

Koegler did not respond directly to the question at the meeting.

Discussion between five *Star* staff members and three members of the BSU became heated and disorderly. Lisa Walker, ASU president, said the meeting was not an appropriate forum to vent emotions and closed the meeting to non-council members at 1:20 p.m.

The BSU called for a public apology from the editor in chief, an "appropriate-sized picture and story on the front page" of the Homecoming Queen and King, a retraction of the story, any future BSU articles to be edited by the adviser and "no negative light shown on the BSU."

BSU President Felicia Morris said that if demands were not met, further action would be taken. She refused to specify what the next step would be. The demands have not been formally presented to the *Star* editor in chief.

"The main issue is to clean up the *Valley Star*," said Morris.

Walker said the source of the allegations concerning BSU should be identified. She said she sees the campus paper as a learning experience.

"It's only an issue when blacks rally for a black."

—Aarika Frazier  
Homecoming Queen

ience and has no personal conflict with any student, but clarification of the adviser's responsibility is in order.

Los Angeles Community College District rules indicate that the adviser must guide rather than censor. Rule 9703.13 states: *The editor in chief of each college newspaper shall determine and be responsible for the editorial and advertising content of the publication.*

The board guidelines call for adherence by campus newspapers to professional ethics. Rule 9703.14 states: *A faculty journalism adviser shall instruct and supervise the editor in chief and staff and evaluate them in order to encourage professional standards of journalism.*

One student voiced her opinion that black students are hurt by the coverage. Kymberly Bryant-Michaels, BSU member, said: "[Someone who is white] might say something that [he or she] might think is not offensive to me, and I might say something as a black person that I might think is not offensive . . . but it might really hurt me and you wouldn't know it."

In an earlier emergency meeting of 60 students held Friday in the cafeteria, emotions ran high, with charges of racism hurled at the paper. The *Star* was also criticized for running a letter in the same issue from a community member who described his confrontation with a black woman with continual

references to her racial identity.

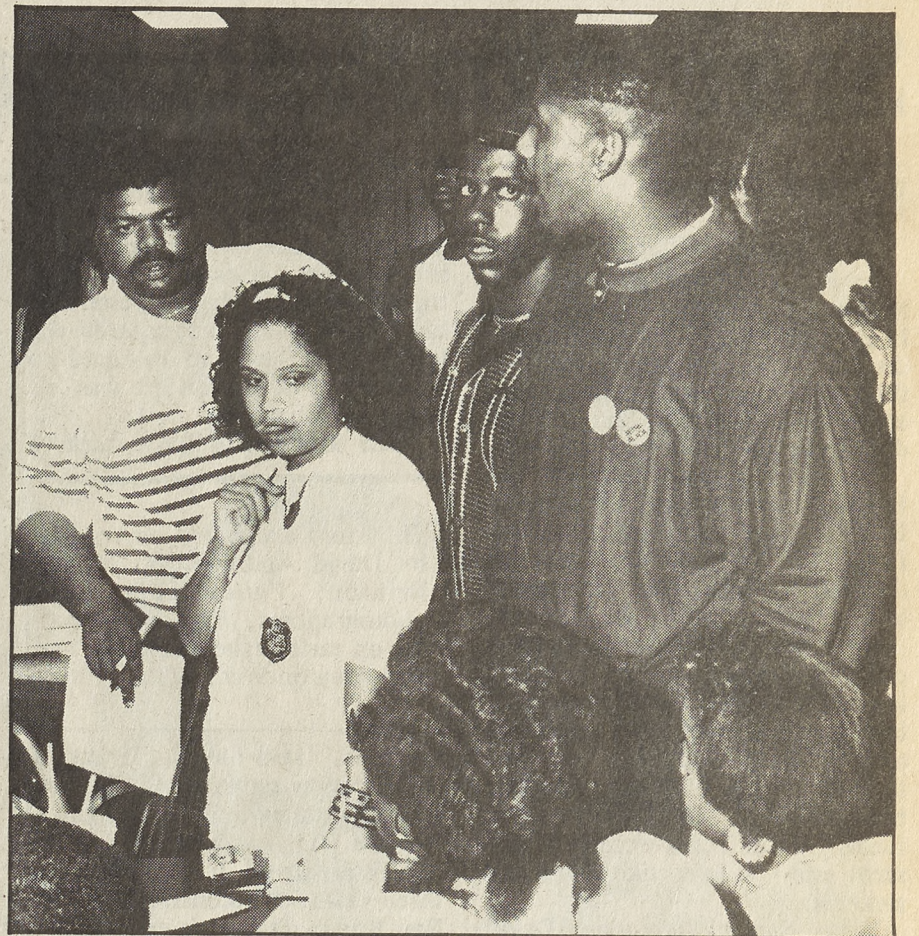
"We've been silent for too long, . . . it's time for us to make some noise," said Morris at the meeting.

Kathy Crouch, *Star* editor in chief, said: "On a personal level, I feel very badly about what the publication of that letter has done here on campus. At the time of publication, I saw it as a matter of free speech. In retrospect, I'm not sure I would do the same thing again."

Frazier said the rally would not have generated controversy if blacks had been rallying for whites. "It's only an issue when blacks rally for a black."

"There is a very simple reason why that [Homecoming King and Queen] photo wasn't run," said Crouch, "and that is: I never saw it."

*Valley Star* staff writers Catherine Thaden, Joe Don Lewis and Jeannette Regalado assisted in the reporting of this story.



Emergency meeting — Felicia Morris leads assembled students.

## Rescue . . .

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Other areas heavily hit included the San Francisco Bay Bridge, the city's Marina District, a shopping center in Santa Cruz, and sections of highways and surface streets throughout the Bay area. Dozens of fires, many started by natural gas leaks, blazed throughout the city.

The American Red Cross has been inundated with phone calls statewide from people wishing to volunteer their time, money, food,

and especially, blood. Callers have had difficulty getting through to Red Cross offices throughout Los Angeles.

At the local Red Cross office on Sherman Way in Van Nuys, Valley residents were at the doors early yesterday morning, waiting to give blood. Tragically, many had to be turned away, as the Van Nuys site didn't have personnel on hand to run the blood donation operation so early in the day. Normal donations

begin at 12:30 p.m.

Richard Turk, 20, stopped to donate blood on his way to work yesterday. "It's such a major thing," Turk said of the earthquake. "Whatever they need, they should get." Turk was asked to return later so that he would be able to help.

"I will be coming back to donate," he said. "All the United States should do their part. It could happen to us any minute."

Inside, volunteer workers hurried back and forth between offices, the information desk, and telephones. Phone calls poured in all day.

Professor Klyda Mahoney, dance instructor, left campus shortly after noon with a borrowed car so that she could donate blood at the Van Nuys center. "I don't mind doing it," she said. "It is quite serious. I was concerned, and I'm really glad to give some blood. That's the least I can do."

## Parking . . .

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meeting, which preceded the board meeting, Lisa Walker, Associated Student Union president at Valley, discussed the parking issue with her fellow college presidents.

"[The committee] was fractured in opinion," said Walker. Student Trustee Illan Roodberg was against the motion, said Pinkard.

"She [Roodberg] was quite vocal," said Pinkard. "There were a number of students who spoke [at the board meeting] against the increase."

The ASU at Valley was not categorically opposed to the increase, but did "want accountability," said Walker.

Walker said she was concerned that if extra money were col-

lected, the budget would increase to match the money available.

The money must be saved for dire repairs and not spent because it is available, she said. "Valley may have only one pothole now," said Walker, "but five years from now we made need the money."

Valley students indicated a desire for accountability, said

Walker. "The wording of the motion was vague," she said. "What constitutes 'operating costs'?"

Although she sympathizes with the difficulties of Trade-Tech, Walker said students here prefer a decentralized procedure for handling individual college problems. "Everyone has or will have acute, special situations."

## Prepared . . .

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Raskoff suggests that people have an extra supply of canned goods in case of a major earthquake or other disaster. He also thinks that an emergency generator wouldn't be a bad investment. Many citizens of the San Francisco Bay area are still without power.

What if the "big one" hits L.A.? "Get the heck out of the buildings," says Raskoff. "Try and get out into the open." At Valley, the safest open areas are on the athletic fields,

the middle of the campus quad, and in the parking lots, although students are cautioned against trying to drive.

In the case of a mass exodus from a particular building, MacDonald offered alternative escape routes. He suggested removing the glass slats (if not already broken) out of classroom and offices to get out of the buildings.

"It's really a class-by-class thing," he says. "It's just like a fire drill."

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# Star photographers report on quake's destruction

By CATHERINE THADEN  
Staff Writer

As *Valley Star* staff photographer Monty Brinton drove through pitch black streets of the Chinatown district of San Francisco, the first thing he noticed was graffiti scrawled on the side of a building, "Why did our bridges collapse?"

But it was the Interstate 880 Highway, not the San Francisco Bay Bridge, which sustained the most fatalities and worst financial devastation from the earthquake which struck at 5:04 p.m. Tuesday.

Rush hour traffic was at its peak on the 880 Highway when the upper level of the two-tiered structure collapsed on the lower level. After 600 tons of concrete toppled, only two to three inches of space were left between slabs, said Cal Trans officials. A Cal Trans worker on the scene said, "It looks like a concrete sandwich."

When *Star* photographer David Andrews arrived at the 880, he was

overwhelmed by the smell of death. At least 150 cars are believed to have been crushed, but an accurate count cannot be made until the upper level is lifted from the lower. Clean-up of the structure had begun yesterday, but officials would not separate the levels until they had evidence to believe that no human life was left beneath the concrete.

"The structure is like a stack of

This story was based on reports by David Andrews and Monty Brinton, *Valley Star* staff photographers, who were reporting on earthquake damage in the Bay Area on Wednesday.

dominos," said one Cal Trans official. "You move one piece, and you may topple the rest." Highway 880 is a total loss and will be completely destroyed. It may take up to three years for reconstruction. The Bay Bridge damage is estimated to be relatively minor and will only

take three months to repair.

The photographers then moved into the Marina district of San Francisco, where the captain of the San Francisco Police Department lost his home. The Marina area saw the worst loss of personal property because of the shifting sand and mud that most homes are built upon.

Bob Uhrhammer, a researcher at the seismographic station at University California Berkeley, said the Marina area is "like a big bowl of jello."

"The area shakes and it keeps vibrating," said Uhrhammer. "It's mostly comprised of soft-fill mud or clay." He said this damage was to be expected.

"The amount of damage done for a magnitude 6.9 earthquake was not surprising," said Uhrhammer. Most of the damage was within a fifty mile radius of the epicenter.

Researchers at UCB took three seismographic monitors and strategically maneuvered them, looking for displacement or shifted

yesterday in the city of Parkfield to determine whether the epicenter was on the San Andreas fault or the Sergeant Fault. No results were given.

Los Gatos, north of San Francisco is completely blocked off to all, including residents. According to Andrews, who was in the area, police are escorting people into the town for a 10-minute visit, giving just enough time to retrieve necessary items and then to leave, indefinitely.

Santa Cruz sustained major damage and some roads into town are closed off due to landslides.

Art Agnos, mayor of San Francisco, has asked the federal government for \$2 billion in aid. The American Red Cross has set up three shelters citywide to house some of the evacuees and those who have been rendered homeless from the quake.

All of the water in San Francisco has been declared safe to drink, except in the Marina district, where the water is contaminated. One-third of San Francisco is without power for an indefinite period of time, and telephone connections are limited.

Both photographers noted how eerie and deserted downtown San Francisco looked during the mid-morning hours. The usual commuters and rush hour traffic was nowhere to be seen.

Uhrhammer said this quake was not the big one that California has been expecting. "The big one is going to be one like the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906," he said.

Uhrhammer said an earthquake of a 6.9 magnitude on one side of the fault does not affect the other side in any way. "The big one could still come in Southern California," he said.

"Most people have a short memory," said Uhrhammer. "Every time you have a quake like Tuesday's, it wakes people up to the dangers of living in an earthquake zone."



MONTY BRINTON / Valley Star

**Devastation** — Structures in the luxurious Marina District, located one mile west of Fisherman's Wharf, were toppled in Tuesday evening's earthquake, including one apartment building which covered an entire block. The quake was centered on the San Andreas fault between San Jose and Santa Cruz and was felt as far as 300 miles from San Francisco. A collapsed freeway in Oakland crushed an estimated 200 or more people. Portions of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge buckled, injuring hundreds of motorists. The final death toll is unknown.



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**Hardest hit** — Apartments sustained damage due to liquifaction of soil underneath the structures.

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Lotte Smits van Oyen

## Equal play



Met his match — Monarch guard Dave Pearlmuter finds it difficult to elude Smits van Oyen during a scrimmage game.



Let me in, Coach — Smits van Oyen waits to get the OK for her turn in the pool against the Palomar College team.

Photos by Eric Lawson

Text by Susan Lawson

**SHE RISES TO A CHALLENGE.** Never let it be said that freshman Lotte Smits van Oyen backs down. When her Notre Dame High School swim teammate Marianne Donaldson dared her to join the water polo team, she went after it with a vengeance — much to her parents' dismay.

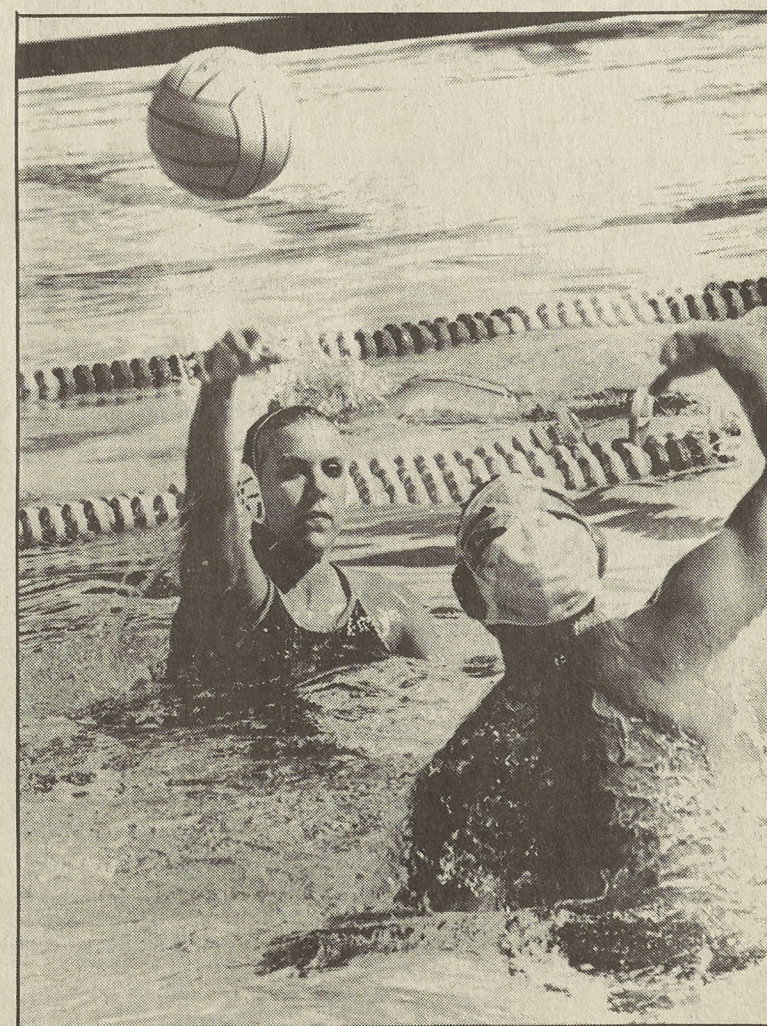
"If they can do it, I can do it," she said. From infancy Smits van Oyen loved the water. She began haunting Valley College as a third grader on the U.S.S.-affiliated Monarch Swim Team. Her past summer spent as a L. A. County lifeguard opened her eyes regarding people's attitudes toward women in traditionally male roles — but that didn't slow her down. She entered Valley College this year with

the specific intent to play water polo. Coach Bill Krauss encouraged her to come. Her teammates have shown mixed reactions. Too bad. She just wants to play water polo. Krauss seems willing to let her do just that. She feels his coaching technique helps her. Self-motivation is stressed. As an aspiring optometrist, she'll need it.

Although Smits van Oyen was accepted to other colleges, she came to Valley because she wanted to have fun for the first couple of years of college. Her idea of fun is 16 academic units, three extra-curricular units that require five hours of practice every day and a job as a retail clerk on the weekends. Are we having fun yet?



Smits van Oyen and her "fellow" teammates — Back row, left to right, Dave Scott, Scott Clark, Eric Dolce, Louie Brinker. Front row, left to right, Dave Mardon, Smits van Oyen, Gil Negrette, Tony Pino.



Pass complete — An embarrassing moment for the opposition team.



# Pirates give Monarchs the hook, 24-14

By ERIC BARAD  
and EDWARD YOON  
Sports Editor  
and Staff Writer

The Monarch football team's slow start out of the gate this season may be cause for some soul searching for head coach Chuck Ferrero.

The Monarchs' final five games will be played against their divisional opponents.

Their immediate focus is on Saturday's opponent Compton College which has lost all five of their games this season.

However, Ferrero is by no means taking them lightly.

"They're a frisky team," said Ferrero. "They play hard. They've lost their games to really good teams."

"We should do well."

To say that the Monarchs will be fired up against Compton will be an understatement.

In an emotional game that resulted in a 24-14 loss to the Ventura College Pirates, Saturday, the Monarchs took out their frustrations in a post game brawl.

On the last play of the game, Monarch quarterback Trendell Williams threw a "Hail Mary" pass from his own 40-yard-line that was caught by tight end Sean Brown at the Ventura 16.

Brown was subsequently gang tackled by three Ventura defensive backs. This did not sit well with Brown who retaliated with a shove that resulted in a bench clearing brawl.

"They (Ventura defensive backs) were holding him up before the catch and guys were spearing him afterwards," said Ferrero. "Everything was okay until then."

Valley drew first blood in the first quarter when tailback Donald Dozier capped off a 74-yard drive with a three-yard plunge into the end zone.

The drive was set up by a 41-yard scamper up the middle by tailback Allen Moore who rushed for 103 yards on 17 carries in the first half.

Ventura answered back on their ensuing possession with a 10-play 69-yard drive that was capped off by a 14-yard touchdown run by running back Fernando Green.

The Monarchs' starting quarterback Mark Mengoni was replaced by Trendell Williams, who missed last week's game with an injury.

Williams subsequently threw three completions totaling 80-yards on the drive, including a 64-yard gain to wide receiver Rodney Guy and a 12-yard toss to Brown in the end zone.

The touchdown was Brown's first in a Monarch uniform, giving Valley a 14-7 lead.

Ventura came back to tie the score on a play-action pass from quarterback Todd Pauffhausen that deflected off the hands of defensive back Kevin Carmichael into the

waiting hands of tight end Scott Patchett.

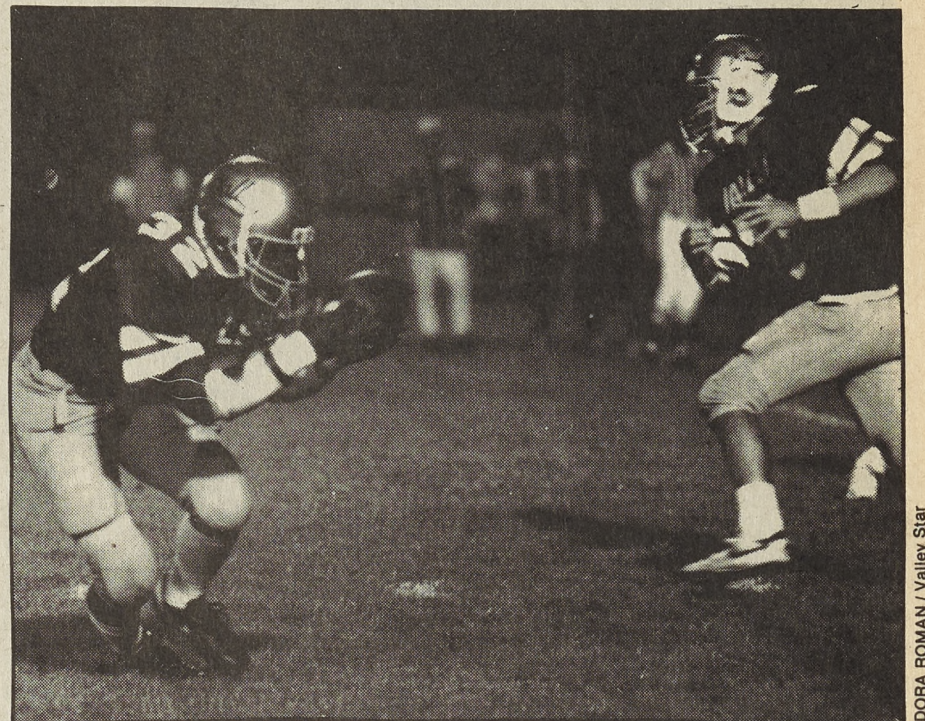
Ventura added another touchdown on a 31-yard touchdown run by fullback Ryan Rapoza to take a 21-14 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Monarchs became victims of a rejuvenated Ventura defensive that allowed just 112 total yards and a questionable call by the officials.

On fourth down and 33 from the Monarch 34 with less than five minutes left in the game, Williams threw a bomb that appeared to have been caught by wide receiver Marcus Bridges Jr. on the Ventura 22. However, the officials called it incomplete all but thwarting a potential Monarch comeback.

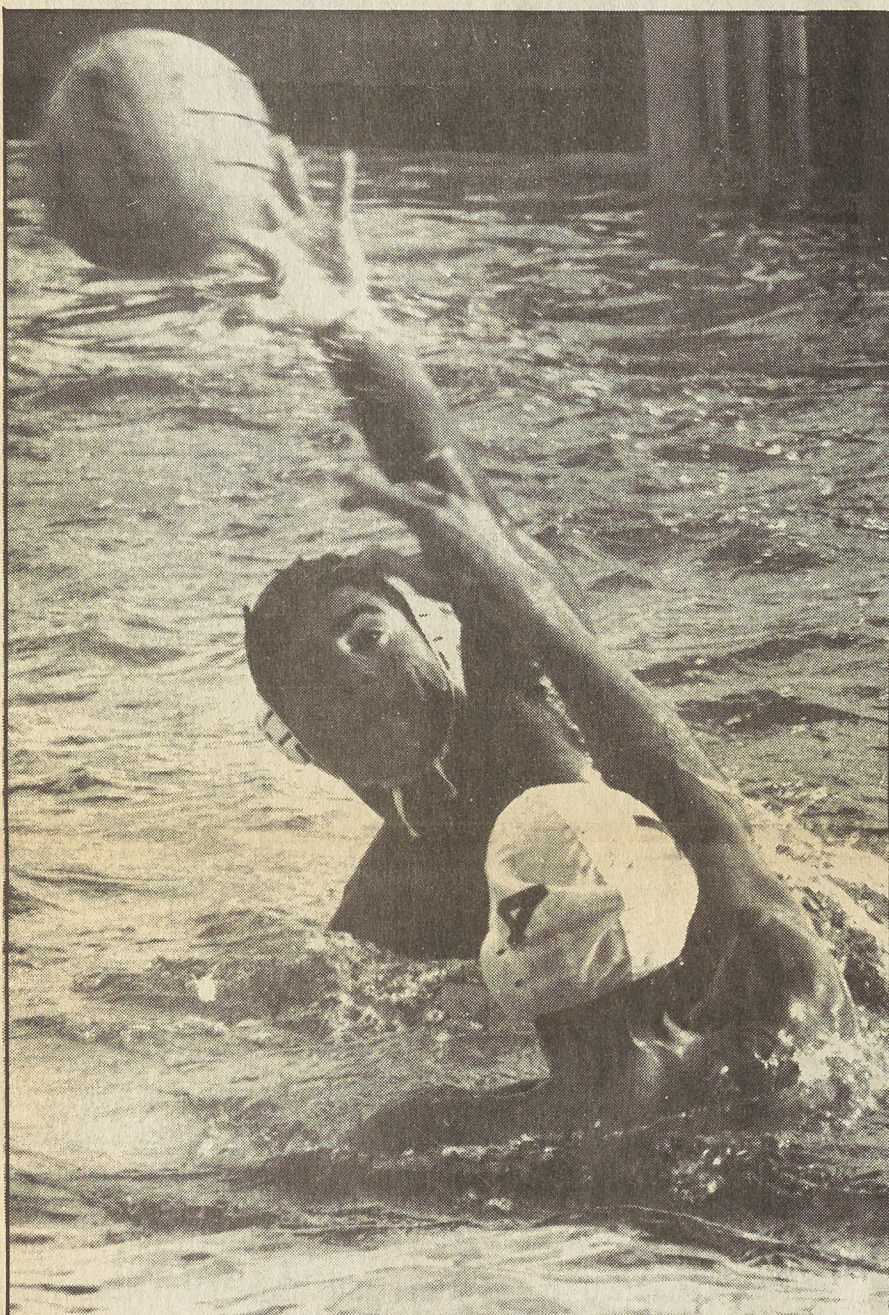
"I did make the catch," said Bridges. "I couldn't tell you why they called it incomplete but it was just the way the game went."

Ventura added a field goal making the score 24-14.



No fumble for Moore — Tailback Allen Moore, left, makes certain both hands are on the ball before tucking it away for a large gain.

DORA ROMAN / Valley Star



Defender — Not even a bee bee, much less a polo ball could pierce through the defense of Lawrence Ocon during Tuesday's game.

## Water polo team needs win over Santa Monica

### Do or die for Valley

By SHANE POWERS  
Staff Writer

The Monarch water polo team will be pointing all the pistons toward Friday afternoon when they will put everything on the line to pull out a win against Santa Monica College.

"This is do or die for us. We have one loss in the conference and two would be fatal," said coach Bill Krauss.

"We will be ready to play Santa Monica. We have to be mentally ready from the gun," said coach Krauss.

Santa Monica has one loss also and both teams are in a dogfight for second place.

"This game should be very close, and should be tight," said Krauss.

The team took some serious steps toward a conference championship Tuesday, as they shut down Pierce College and chalked up a 16-4 victory.

"We played great, in fact superb defense all game," said Krauss.

The Monarchs shut down Pierce and used stingy defense to set up a "fast break" type offense.

Lawrence Pino scored seven points (four goals, three assists) in by far his best game in Monarch green. Nine other Monarchs scored in an unbelievable array of offensive and defensive ball control.

Defensively, freshman standout Angelo Solitico had 13 saves in the net, and was the backbone of Valley's stingy defense.

"It was a real good game from the standpoint that we're going into Santa Monica game with a solid win," said Krauss.

The Monarchs took on Southern California's number one ranked team and also the Western States Conference leader Cuesta College, last Friday.

Cuesta showed the Monarchs that they were the best team in the conference in their 17-8 victory.

"We played tough, but Cuesta was simply too fast," said Krauss. "It's tough to compete with incredible speed."

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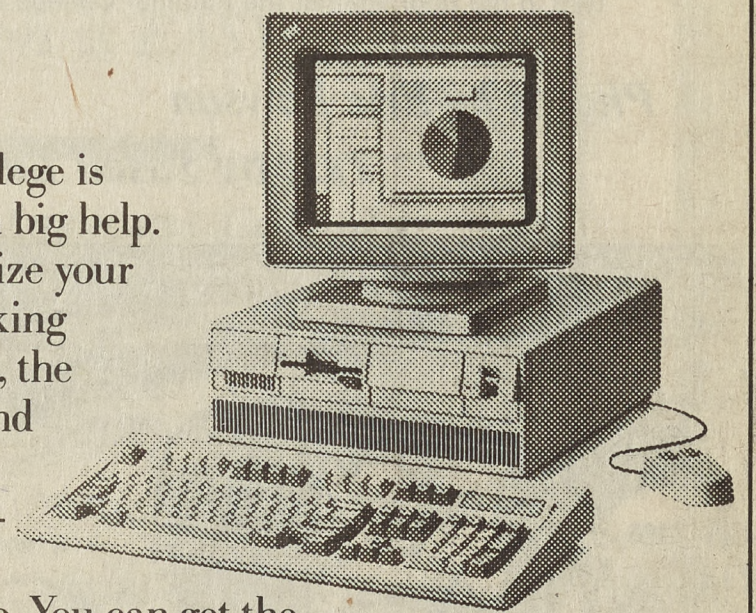


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